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PRICE OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pulses are sold in the market at a rate three times more than that of their support price;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The wholesale prices of pulses are by and large ruling above the Minimum Support Prices fixed by the Government at selected centres in the country, though not as high as three times more than that of their support price.

(b): The rise in the wholesale prices of pulses may primarily be attributed to the continuing gap in demand and supply.

(c): The Government is implementing a Centrally sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project in 30 states/U.Ts for increasing the production of pulses. Under this Scheme, assistance is being provided for input like production and distribution of certified seeds, seed mini-kits, distribution of improved farm implements, rhyzobium culture, micro-nutrients, integrated pest management and distribution of sprinkler sets etc. In addition, import of pulses is also restored to meet the shortage in supply in the country.